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David Brownlee of Van Buren Township took this photo of Belleville Lake at sunrise on Dec. 20, the last day of autumn. On the first day of winter, Dec. 21, the lake and sky were gray.

VBT applying for \$300,000 Eurasian Watermilfoil grant

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township has prepared a preliminary application for a \$300,000 Southeast Michigan Resilience Fund grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, with a \$100,000 pledge of matching funds and in-kind services from

VBT.

At the Dec. 19 regular meeting of the VBT Environmental Commission, Matthew Best detailed the steps being taken to get the grant to try to get rid of the plant that is choking the western part of Belleville Lake.

VBT Public Service Director Best said the

invasive aquatic plant in Wayne County's only navigable lake will be controlled through hand-pulling and chemical herbicide application.

"We expect to reduce the amount of Eurasian Watermilfoil by 50% the first year and hope to continue to reduce the growth the following year by another 25%," the pre-proposal reads.

"Belleville Lake's public access locations have become choked with Eurasian Watermilfoil to the extent that it is adversely affecting the recreational use of the lake. With chemical application being

applied directly, we plan to eliminate this
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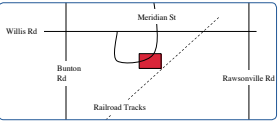
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman
Trully Luke accepted the award for the Luke Family at 234 Harbour Pointe Dr. for having the best decorations in Harbour Pointe subdivision in the Holiday Decorating Contest. Presenting the award at the Dec. 17 meeting was Belleville Councilman Tom Fielder.



The Morin Family – Joshua, Nicole, and baby John – of 77 Carmell accepted the award from Councilman Tom Smith for the best home decoration in the Mobile Home Parks category.



Ronald and Max Adkins of 461 Waterbury accepted the award for having the holiday decorations on their home in the Victoria Commons category of the Belleville home decorating contest. Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria presented the award.



Susan Johnson of 365 High Street accepted the award for the best home decoration in the "Balance of Belleville" category. Presenting the award was Councilman Jesse Marcotte.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

What to look forward to in the upcoming 2019

At the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting last week, Matt Best said that 2019 is going to be very special in the township.

Besides the proposed Belleville Lake drawdown and the project to kill the milfoil that's clogging up the lake (if they get the grant), other issues are looming.

There's the large splash pad coming to Quirk Park, which will include the Egypt Covington memorial. Then, there's the Placemaking building next to Aldi's that will memorialize the Harris family, some of the first black residents of the township, and offer a park atmosphere for those out for a stroll.

Then, the pedestrian walkway over I-94 will get its landscaping put in place and the VBT logo hung facing east so travelers on the freeway will know this is Van Buren Township, not Belleville, even though the freeway sign says Belleville Road. Then, there's something to be done with the former DNR property on the lake and whatever real estate the township board keeps going into closed-door session to discuss buying.

In the City of Belleville the new library is being constructed and the library media center in Sumpter Township also is coming in 2019, if the library and Sumpter can get together on plans. And, the courthouse in Romulus will be done.

Best personal wishes to all of our readers in the tri-community for a happy, healthy, and productive 2019.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A man in a motorized chair was hit by a car at Five Points just after 3 p.m. last Thursday. Main Street was closed off at First Street briefly by a Belleville fire truck while police and Huron Valley Ambulance tended to the situation, which was right in front of city hall.

The HVA unit backed into the city hall parking lot to evaluate the man's condition and Fire Chief Brian Loranger said he expected the man to refuse transport.

Many people report seeing him lying in the street after the accident.

When I was out delivering papers last Thursday, I was informed that Gander Mountain is coming to the North I-94 Service Drive in VBT. And, the same source told me Camping World on the North I-94 Service Drive is expanding.

I asked Ron Akers of the VBT building and planning department about it and he said neither business has come to the township about any plans.

I received the same information a few months back, and I asked Akers about it then, too, as I recall. Nothing official going on concerning this.

Every year the Environmental Commission holds a Christmas party before its December meeting. When township Trustee Jeff Jahr was on the commission, he used to bring pizza. Now, Matt Best brings the pizza.

Everyone else brings something special and there always is too much to eat. It's a cordial event that occurs for just half an hour and then the meeting begins, with members continuing to munch on various



goodies.

For the past few years, I've been invited, as well. I'm usually the only person in the audience for their regular meetings throughout the year. At first, I thought maybe it wasn't appropriate to eat with the commission I was covering, but then I thought what the heck. Someone's got to watch them when they have a quorum. So, I've joined in and I thank them for the invitation.

So far, members haven't made any untoward decisions while they were eating. I'll keep watching.

When we deliver papers to the Willis Feed Mill, we get a welcome from a rooster in their pen. I love to hear the call and look forward to it every week.

When I was a little girl of around two years old, there was a rooster on our farm that I'll never forget.

It was my grandfather's pet rooster that he had carried on his lap in the back seat of a car on his trip from Pittsburgh to Belleville to join us on the farm.

Well, eventually, that rooster attacked me and tried to peck me to death. I was saved and my grandfather's rooster was killed. In a rite I still remember, I was held up over a fire-filled pot-bellied stove and given the rooster's head which I dropped into the fire.

Apparently that was so that little girl wouldn't be afraid to go outside and play.

It worked. I do love to see and hear roosters crow, but I've never wanted to actually own one.

And, I feel bad about my grandfather's pet. My grandfather had a stroke and died a year later when I was three.

This paper is the last one of 2018. In January 2019, the *Belleville-Area Independent* will begin its 25th year of publishing. We've decided to put off the celebration until we've

actually completed 25 years, so that will be a year from now.

A young lady who is a clerk at a gas station along my newspaper delivery route each Thursday told me that she's been reading the *Independent* her whole life. That's entirely possible and it kind of makes me smile. We will have published for a quarter of a century once we get through this next 12 months. We're working on it.

All families have traditions they follow to celebrate their holidays, I think. When I was little, my family put the tree up after we children went to sleep on Christmas Eve. It was cut out in our woods and hidden somewhere. It was a wonderful surprise to wake up and see a bright, decorated tree on Christmas morning.



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Letters

Thank you for donations to Children's Party

To the editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to each of you that donated to the 2018 Sumpter Township Children's Christmas Party.

As always, without the generosity of those that donated their time, energies and/or their monetary contributions this event would not remain the success it has become.

Among the Sponsors we would like to acknowledge:

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A special thanks also to the numerous volunteers that selflessly contributed their time to insure the success of the Children's Christmas Party and to Santa Claus who took time from his busy schedule to stop by!

John W. Morgan
Sumpter Township Supervisor

DECA is accomplishing wonderful things

To the editor:

My name is Ethan Lloyd. I am a senior at Belleville High School and the president of the business club DECA. I am not sure if there are any policies that prohibit the use of the newspaper as a promotion, but I would love for the City of Belleville to be aware of the wonderful things that this organization is accomplishing.

DECA is a club for high school students who strive for vocational excellence in the business world. We learn about all the different aspects of business and gain first-hand experience in the world of business. We fundraise, bring in guest speakers to our meetings, attend business conferences and a variety of workshops.

We learn the importance of business etiquette and even participated in the Booville Scarecrow building contest!

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Anyways, I'm not sure if it is 100% possible of spreading awareness of our mission and role at Belleville High School. But I thought it might be cool to at least reach out!

Ethan Lloyd
DECA Chapter President
Belleville High School

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Sunday, Dec. 30** – No music at September Days Senior Center. Closed.

• **Monday, Dec. 31** – Rock in the New Year! Celebrate at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., with the band Second Wind. Catered buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., band starts at 8:30. Pizza served at midnight. Tickets are \$25. Order tickets online at foe3993.com, come in and buy tickets at the bar, or call Ginger Bruder at (734) 461-2498.

• **Monday, Dec. 31** – New Year's Eve celebration at Moose Lodge 934, at the corner of Harris and Sumpter roads. Southern Heat Band from 9 p.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner from 7 to 9 p.m., with champagne and pizza at midnight. Tickets are \$20 each until Dec. 20 and then \$25. Call (734) 325-7799.

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• **Sunday, Jan. 6** – Free, live music at the September Days Senior Center, 2-5 p.m. Today it's M3 Band. For information, call Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, Jan. 7 through Friday, Jan. 11, and Monday, Jan. 14** – Free, Stop Smoking Seminar at 7 p.m., Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 89 S. Edgemont St., Belleville. Register at (918) 902-9977.

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Birthdays

Dec. 21 – Jessalyn Graveldinger Watson
Dec. 26 – Henry L. Riemer, Jr.

Dec. 30 – Cynthia Graveldinger, Marc Littleleson, Pam Mendis
Dec. 31 – Josee Lee
Jan. 1 – Judy Jordan
Jan. 2 – Robin Michaelson
Jan. 3 – Jackie Dalzell
Jan. 4 – Paul George

Do you have a birthday in January? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

VBT OKs ordinance to prohibit marijuana establishments

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its final meeting of the year, Dec. 18, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to prohibit marijuana establishments in all geographic areas of the township.

This was the second reading and final adoption of the ordinance, which will take effect immediately upon publication in today's *Independent*.

The ordinance is per Section 6.1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act passed Nov. 6 by state voters.

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees passed the first reading of a similar ordinance to ban marijuana businesses in the township and the Belleville City Council is expected to also pass such an ordinance in the future.

The opting out of marijuana businesses in the township can be rescinded at any time and the VBT board said it wanted to see

what the state rules are before making any final decision on this. The state may take a year to set the rules.

In other action in the 42-minute meeting on Dec. 18, the board:

- Approved purchasing a HUV865M HVAC all-terrain vehicle with salt spreader and snowplow blade for the Building and Grounds Department for \$31,448.90 from Deere and Company so the township can fulfill its contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation to keep snow and ice off the new pedestrian walkway. It also will be used to clear the sidewalk along Belleville Road in the Harmony Lane area and be paid for this by the Downtown Development Authority. Bader & Sons will build the vehicle and Deere will pay them. It is expected to be delivered by the end of the year;

- Approved, after more discussion, an update to the Benefits Manuals for Elected Officials and Salaried Employees, increasing defined pension contributions from 10% to 12%. This affected four elected officials and 10 salaried employees;

- Approved the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters contract for Jan. 1, 2018 through Dec. 31, 2021;

- Approved the supervisor's appointment of Kevin Boyer to the Board of Review. Also, approved the reappointments of Juanita Jensen and Harry Roesch, and the reappointment of Loretta Speaks as an alternate. All terms end Dec. 31, 2020;

- Approved a sidewalk agreement with Subaru Research and Development, Inc. Subaru will not have to build a sidewalk along Michigan Avenue in front of its facility until VBT builds a sidewalk along

its cemetery property to the east; and

- Heard Trustee Reggie Miller read a letter from Belleville Area District Library chairman Sharon Peters, thanking board members for their recent donations to the library. Peters was out of town at the time, but will come to a meeting in January to thank board members in person.

Court Watching:

Romulus man charged with indecent exposure for Dollar Tree incident

David Libscomb, 20, of Romulus was charged with indecent exposure after he allegedly exposed himself to a 60-year-old Van Buren Township woman inside of a Dollar Tree store on the afternoon of Sunday, Dec. 16.

Libscomb is accused of exposing himself to the woman who was shopping inside the store in the 10800 block of Belleville Road. She immediately reported the incident and Van Buren Township police were dispatched to the area. He was taken into custody inside a nearby store.

He was arraigned in 34th District Court on Dec. 19 on a charge of aggravated indecent exposure, a two-year misdemeanor, and bond was set at \$20,000. A pre-trial conference was set for Jan. 2.

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Obituaries



Estel Martin "Red" Redden, Sr.



ESTEL MARTIN 'RED' REDDEN, SR.

(May 10, 1930 – December 18, 2018)
Estel Martin "Red" Redden, Sr., age 88, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born May 10, 1930 in Vanceburg, Kentucky, son of Ambrous & Exie (Kegley) Redden.

Red grew up on his family's farm. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He had many jobs over the years. He worked for the N&W Railroad, Frowines Hardware/Fuel Oil Company, Purdy Lumber Company, Belleville Plating and L&W Engineering. Red loved riding his bike, mowing, mowing the lawn, feeding the squirrels, and watching the wildlife in his back yard. Most of all, he cherished time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Estel is survived by his brother Lowell (Norma) Redden of Longview, Texas; ten children: Carolyn Redden of Belleville, Sandra Anderson of Belleville, Catherine (Larry) Jones of Boyne City, MI, Janet Redden of Belleville, Tawna (Ralph) Parish of Wayne, MI, Estel Redden, Jr. of Brecksville, Ohio, Paul Redden of Tipton, MI, Stephen Redden of Belleville, Randall (Stormy) Redden of Clare, MI and Sharon (Will) Foltz of Ossian, Iowa; 18 grandchildren: Danny Barnes, Robert Barnes, Crystal Korte, Kim Anderson, Melissa (Dan) Tomlin, Susan (Stephen) Dimmit, Mandi (Don) Richards, Joseph (Emily) Jones, Christopher (Danielle) Jones, Tabatha (Chris Perry) Parish, Cyndi (James) Sidener, Jamie Parish, Peter Parish, Martin (Rachel) Redden, Matthew Redden, Faith Redden, Alan Redden and Vera (Johnathan) Johanson; 35 great-grandchildren: Kaylee Barnes, Gage Barnes, Keira Barnes, Darren Lipp, Luke Anderson, Zach Anderson, Emma Tomlin, Noah Tomlin, Isabella Dimmit, Lilianna Richards, Isabella Richards, Emmaleah Richards, Eli Richards, Anna Jones, Will Jones, Claire Jones, Abrielle Jones, Silas Jones, Celina Parish, Maria Blackburn, Kaleb Parish, Aireanna Blackburn, Davina Blackburn, CJ Perry, Shawn Parish, Matthew Perry, Ethan Parish, Brielle Perry, Star Redden, Gabriel Redden, Eli Redden, Rose Redden, Vanessa Johanson, Johnathan Johanson, Richie Johanson; one great-great-grandson Kaleb Parish, Jr.; 13 step-grandchildren; brothers-in-law Johnny Thurston and George Sparks; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ambrose & Exie Redden, wife Redea R. (Rockwell) Redden on September 18, 2013, also four sisters: Christina Sparks, Darlene Griffith, Retta Williams and Jewell Thurston. Visitation was Sunday, December 23, 2018 from 1-4 PM and Wednesday, December 26, 2018 from 10-11 AM with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Interment will be in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or American Cancer Society and would be appreciated by the family. Thank you for keeping the Reddens in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

ALLEN MICHAEL SMOLEN

(November 6, 1953 – December 18, 2018)
Age 65, a longtime Belleville/Farmington Hills resident, died peacefully at his son's residence, Tuesday evening, December 18th, 2018. Allen is the beloved father of Timothy (Heather) Smolen of Westland; loving grandfather of Scarlet and baby boy Smolen, who is expected to arrive in February, 2019. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Hady of Grand Rapids. A career fireman in both the city of Farmington Hills and Van Buren Township, Allen ultimately reached the rank of Fire Chief for Van Buren Township. He truly loved his family, especially playing golf with his son Tim and spending time with his granddaughter.

In keeping with Mr. Smolen's wishes, a simple cremation has been arranged.

A memorial service will be held at 1 PM, Saturday, December 29th in the Main Chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. 734-697-4500. The Smolen family will greet guests from 11 AM until the time of the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, kindly consider memorial tributes to the American Lung Association.

GERALD BLAUSEY

(December 17, 2018)
Gerald Blausey of Sun City, Arizona, is being carefully transported from Arizona back to the Belleville area. In keeping with Mr. Blausey's wishes, private graveside prayers have been arranged.
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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Jan. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 10 – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 14 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education organizational meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 22 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12 – Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Environmental

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prolific invasive plant and reclaim these affected areas so that our residents and visitors can enjoy swimming, boating and fishing.

"It is our plan to map out the extensive areas of growth with GPS data, and treat the affected areas according to the level of plant density. Upon completion of the prescribed treatments, a monitoring plan will be put into place to survey and record the treated areas.

"We will hold informative training sessions with the public in order to enlist their help in monitoring and reporting Eurasian Watermilfoil growth and how to handle plant fragmentation.

"Belleville Lake lies in the heart of our community and we will work as a community to eradicate this invasive plant," the pre-proposal reads.

Best said the project has been put together by Parks and Recreation, the supervisor's office, and the Public Service Department. They will map the lake and make an eradication plan.

He said that Jennifer Zaenglein of Parks and Recreation wrote the grant and, "did a great job."

Best said if VBT is selected, it will have to do a full-blown application.

"It's a good first step in managing the milfoil," Best said. "We'll have to work up and down stream with our neighbors.

"The biggest criteria is improving access," he said.

Best said they expect to know in February whether the township is selected to do a full application. The work is expected to be done this fall.

If a lake drawdown is approved for the fall of 2019, Best said the milfoil work wouldn't be done until after the drawdown.

"If we get the grant or not, we will still discuss milfoil," said Environmental Commission chairman David Brownlee, asking that it be put on the next agenda of the commission.

Belleville Lake drawdown

Best said he has been talking with Eagle Creek officials who said a drawdown of Belleville Lake is possible. Eagle Creek operates the French Landing Dam, which

is owned by Van Buren Township.

Best said the dam operators indicated they could hold their Part 12 Independent Safety Inspection while the water is down. Eagle Creek is paying for the drawdown, but the price is not known. It has hired a consulting firm.

Eagle Creek is working on a drawdown permit and will be working to put its proposal together in January or February. He said there will be more concrete knowledge in April.

Best said among those needing to approve the drawdown are MDEQ, FERC, Michigan State Historical Parks, and soil erosion people.

"I'm concerned they aren't farther along," said Brownlee, noting it wouldn't be until April when they know if it's going or not. "How much time do we need before we draw down?"

Best said they will operate this year as though they are going to do it, "until we can't."

He said township officials are planning a public information meeting in February to alert lakefront residents what permits they will need for specific projects and how to prepare for a drawdown.

Best said the hydropark dam will do its inspections during the drawdown, as well.

Best said he thinks the residents will be surprised on what they can do with the water down. They will invite contractors to come and talk to them, as well.

Brownlee said the main goal of the drawdown is to clean up debris that interferes with navigation.

"I talked to seawall contractors and they said it's harder to work with the water down because they can't get near the seawall on their barges," Brownlee said. "People need to know."

"In terms of planning, we'll have a public meeting, but it is not a kickoff to drawdown, but for information," Brownlee said.

Best said the drawdown of the water is easy, but getting the permits to assure resources upstream and downstream are not affected is more difficult.

"There's always a chance FERC will say no," Best said, referring to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which is involved because of the dam.

"We need to put together at least a paper

plan, so we can hit the ground running if we get final approval," Brownlee said.

He said he would like a large map of the lake so they can plan pickup points for debris and see where subdivisions are. He needs details on the map to know where there are residents to take care of their lakeshore and where volunteers are needed.

Best showed a map of the old river channel, a bathometric map, which indicates five-foot depths. In this map, the river winds like a worm throughout the lake bed.

Brownlee gave homework assignments to commissioners, asking them to make written notes of questions that need answers concerning the drawdown and email the questions to him over the next couple of weeks.

"Help me think this through. We need to get the answers," he said.

Brownlee said, for example, what does a five-foot drawdown do to Sandy's Marina? Sandy's tells people to get the boats out by October.

Best said they have met with Sandy's Marina three times. The drawdown also will affect Johnny's and Hayward's, he said.

"The main thrust of the plan I've been working on is to educate the residents of the lake as a resource," Best said. "It brings a lot of wealth to the community ... We have one blue economy on an all-sports lake."

Best said he expects the commission to reach out to volunteers and the township to reach out to corporate entities.

"If the state and federal government let us do it, we're going to do this right," Best said.

"The work starts now," Brownlee said. "Start getting it down on paper." He said he expects to get the map with details and to have the township come up with a list of groups and organizations to contact.

They were advised not to forget the Tuesday afternoon bass fishermen.

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VBT Board of Zoning Appeals approves sign for Southport

By Robert Mytych
Independent Staff Writer

At its Dec. 11 meeting the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals approved a 29' variance for Southport Apartments on the South Service Drive for its new roadway sign.

The new sign is being put in the same location as the old sign, at 1' from the front property line. But the ordinance now

requires 30' setback, which would block the sign since the township ordinance also requires the landscaping that is in place.

In a unanimous 4-0 vote, the BZA approved the variance and sent announcement of its decision on to the township planners and the planning commission.

The variance was needed to keep the sign visible from both directions from the North I-94 Service Drive traffic to give vehicles

ample time to turn into the complex due to the existing trees and berm created on the east and west property lines.

If the permitted sign was constructed at the required 30-foot setback it would give a driver only 3 seconds traveling eastbound and 3.7 seconds traveling westbound to be alerted to the turn into the complex. The 1-foot setback allows the new sign to be detected at 661 feet, allowing a full 9 seconds for motorists, according to the data provided.

In other business, the BZA permitted applicant Beverly Nielsen, 44559 Ecorse Road, to reschedule her variance request until the Jan. 8 meeting, because there were only four BZA members present at the Dec. 11 meeting and she would need all four to cast yes votes to get approval.

She seeks a variance to permit her to retain 6 horses on her 7-acre property, a variance of 3 additional horses. She has three old, rescued horses and three ponies.

In documents available to the *Independent* prior to the meeting, Nielsen said she brought the horses when she moved to the property and three are over the age of 20. Nobody wants them, she said, and she wants to continue to provide the special care needed. Nielsen also stated that she will not replace them once they pass on.

The current ordinance requires 5 acres for the first horse, and 1 acre per horse after that.

The BZA gave both agenda items the option to come back next month, but Southport Apartments decided to proceed and remain on the agenda as scheduled.

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Pictures of the sewer pump station at the corner of Willis and Sumpter roads, that is in need of emergency repairs, was shown to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and the public on Dec. 11.

Sumpter Township board approves repair to sewer pump station

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Ken Kunka, Sumpter Township Director of Water and Sewer, gave a report to the township board on the deteriorating sewer pump station at the corner of Sumpter and Willis roads and how it needed immediate attention.

He said on Thanksgiving Day there was a high-level alarm because of the corrosion and they had a hard time getting the pump started.

Kunka gave the lengthy report, with photos shown on the board room monitors, during the work/study session of the township board meeting on Dec. 11.

It was not put on the agenda, but Supervisor John Morgan while giving his Supervisor's Report asked for, and received a motion and unanimous approval of the price quote for the repair.

Kunka said escaping hydrogen sulfide gas has eroded the cabinet and the concrete, and ductile iron discharge pipes.

He said he got price quotes from two firms and chose SCADA (\$18,975) over C&C (\$41,483.50) for replacement of the control box because of the price. SCADA will install the new control panel and provide startup services for \$5,650.

Utilities Management Services of Willis will use confined space procedures and replace all ductile iron in the wet well and replace it with 8" Sch80 PVC with all necessary connections and fittings and connect to the piping outside of the wet well.

They will have to divert the sewage for seven to ten days, 24 hours a day, which adds to the cost.

The cost was estimated at from \$35,000 to \$50,000, with a notation, "This should not be considered a 'not to exceed' price, but we are more than certain that we can make the repairs under the proposed estimate."

Trustee Don LaPorte said the \$15,000 spread in price is not acceptable.

Treasurer Ken Bednark said, "I, too, was concerned" at the open-end bid.

"I'd be more comfortable with a 'not to exceed' number," Trustee LaPorte said. "It

could go way up because it's open-ended."
"I used to work on installing those when

I was in college," said Trustee Tim Rush, noting it may be installed incorrectly because the gases shouldn't be getting into it.

"I agree," Treasurer Bednark said.

Trustee Rush said they could run into the same thing again at the other pumps.

Kunka said this pump was installed in 2004-5 and it is the worst pump. He said there are three lift stations in the township, with the other two at Martinsville and Willis/Rawsonville.

When asked about the sewer smell at

the Sumpter/Willis station, Kunka said, "The next step is working on the smell." He said that will be looked at when they have people come out to look at the whole system.

Supervisor Morgan asked for a motion to accept the price quotes during his Supervisor's Report in the regular meeting. When board members again questioned the price, Morgan said he wanted to defer to the expertise of Kunka. Morgan said Kunka

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Sumpter Board

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and Hennessey Engineering recommended the work.

In other business at the Dec. 11 meeting, the board:

- Unanimously approved the first reading of an ordinance to prohibit all marijuana establishments within the boundaries of Sumpter Township. There was no discussion on the subject. The second reading and final adoption of the ordinance is expected at a meeting in January. It will take effect 30 days after publication. Violation of the ordinance is a civil infraction with a fine from \$100 to \$500;
- Approved opting out of Michigan Public Act 152 that recommends a public employee pay 20% of their medical benefit plan costs and limits the amount the public employer may contribute to a medical benefit plan. Sumpter Township's employees pay 10% of their medical benefit plan costs, but the township does not exceed the limits set. "For this reason

we must opt out of Public Act 152 at this time," Finance Director Scott Holtz said in his written financial report read by Treasurer Bednark. Holtz noted this is a budget item for fiscal year 2020;

- Approved closing township hall from Dec. 24 through Jan. 1. AFSCME employees will use a floating holiday for Dec. 26 and paid time off or vacation time will be used for Dec. 27 and 28. Township hall will reopen on Jan. 2;

- Approved sending Deputy Clerk Dawn Hadyniak to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Institute conference from March 10-15 at Central Michigan University at a cost not to exceed \$1,350;

- Approved renewal of the contract with Brownstown Township for dog shelter services. The contract is for three years, January 2019 through December 31, 2021;

- Approved hiring Vincent Tocco as a paid-on-call firefighter with the condition he passes the physical. Tocco said he has lived in the township for three years. He said he decided he wanted to be a fire

fighter, so he dropped 60 pounds and is training every day;

- Approved sending Sgts. Beth Egerer and Brian Steffani to the 2019 Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff & Command Executive Leadership Program. The session starts in February and ends in October, entailing one week a month. The total cost of \$6,500 will come from the police department forfeiture fund. Other officers that have already graduated from the school are: Chief Eric Luke, Lt. Patrick Gannon, Det./Sgt. John Toth, Sgt. Chris McGlynn, and Sgt. James Cayce;

- Changed its direction to Finance Director Holtz about attending meetings. They voted to require him to attend only quarterly meetings when budget amendments are ready and at the request of the board. They still want him to give his written reports on agenda items;

- Approved awarding the bid to have the township hall carpets cleaned by Stathakis of Farmington Hills for \$798.75 on a weekend or while the township hall is closed for the holidays. A second estimate was for \$825 from Springer's Complete Carpet Care of Belleville;

- Approved the hiring committee's recommendation to hire Bradley Wheelock as Building Department Clerk to start Jan. 2. Eighteen people applied for the position and seven were interviewed. Supervisor Morgan said that Wheelock has done a lot around Van Buren Township and "He's well-known ... He's a keeper." It was noted he passed his background check;
- Heard Treasurer Bednark report that

over the last three weeks everything is happening in his office that is supposed to happen and they are doing daily reconciliations. He said Deputy Treasurer Vern Morse is doing an outstanding job. He thanked Holtz and Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis for assistance with the fine points. "We're looking good. All problems have been fixed," he said;

- Heard Clerk Hurst remind residents that hard hats and safety vests are required for visiting Carleton Farms landfill. Resident Mary Ban said because people don't want to abide by the new rules, her road is being dumped on and it has received cushions and three tires and other items. "Restricting them there [at the landfill], will result in dumping," she said; and

- Heard Ban describe the grading on her road by a county truck on Sunday, Dec. 9. She said the truck pushed the dirt from the middle of the road to the sides, forming berms along the side. Ban said she was trying to drive out to go to church but the berm was too high. Finally, the man in the truck eased it down enough for her to go to church."

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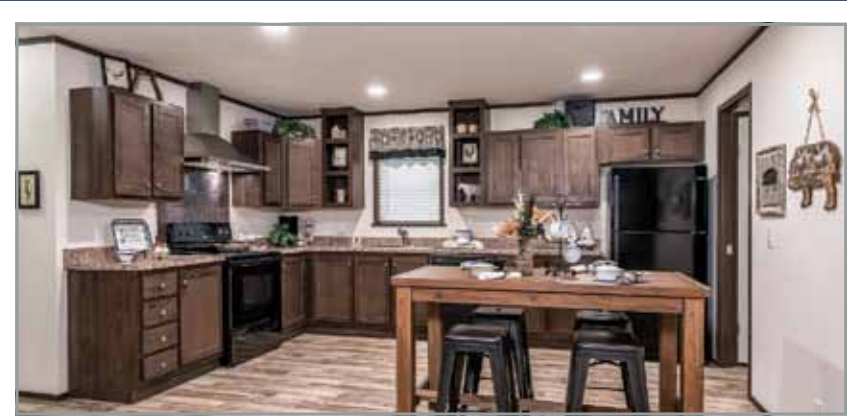
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At a special ceremony on Dec. 17, Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Bob Krouse presented awards to the winners of the local Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay contests. Sophia Meldosian, at left, an eighth grader at McBride Middle School, won second place in the Patriot's Pen contest. Ngan D. Vo, center, a sophomore at Huron High School, won first place in the Voice of Democracy contest. Autumn M. McGee, right, won first place in the Patriot's Pen contest. Commander Krouse said the two winners now advance to district contest competition.

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Ryan Wolfe of Milford bid \$5,500 to buy the 1990 fire engine that had been on sale by Van Buren Township. The truck, which has been well-maintained, has been decertified by the state and no longer usable by the township. And the township needs the room in the fire hall. On Dec. 17 the township delivered it to Wolfe's front yard. From left are VBT Clerk Leon Wright, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Wolfe, and VBT Fire Fighter Ryan Smith. One man bid \$5,000 and two more men backed out of the bidding because their wives didn't want a fire truck. That left Wolfe. He said he would be the most popular uncle around with his fire truck, although his wife wasn't so excited about having a fire engine so he may have to sleep in it the first night.

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Court Watching:**Robert Jones bound over on charge of Walmart embezzlement**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Dec. 19, Robert Donnell Jones, 25, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for a Jan. 2 arraignment on the information in a charge of embezzlement of between \$1,000 and \$20,000 by an agent or trustee at the Van Buren Township Walmart.

About an hour after 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley bound Jones over, Jones' court-appointed attorney Ronald

Weitzman came back into the courtroom to ask if his client could go on the cruise he had planned. Judge Oakley approved Jones' Dec. 28 to Jan. 6 cruise, which meant the circuit court arraignment date needed to be adjusted, which only circuit court can do.

Attorney Weitzman also had asked for a transcript of the preliminary exam held that day, in which his client testified.

VBT Police Officers Michael Long and Donovan McCarthy rolled a large screen into the courtroom, but the court's IT person was unable to pull up a surveillance video that was to be a part of the evidence presented.

The only witness put forward by the Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor was

Kristin Therrian, Walmart asset protection assistant store manager at the Belleville Walmart, who discovered the iPhone X cell phone missing on June 27.

She said the phone was worth \$1,049. She said the store has a serialized inventory of phones delivered through Fed Ex and she came up with a missing phone. She testified she looked through the receipts of sales and a serial number came up with no evidence of sale or order through contract.

"I reviewed a video to see where the phone had gone," Therrian said, noting she reviewed surveillance tape from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. that day and at 3:30 p.m. she found the first encounter.

She said a female customer came to the desk and talked over a contract with a clerk for quite some time. Then, she said, Jones contacted an employee with a key to the lockup and retrieved two iPhone Xs.

Therrian testified Jones made his way to the counter and talked to the female customer and they looked like they were going over the contract.

Then, the female customer went away and paid for a greeting card and got \$100 cash back in the transaction. She returned and she and Jones went out to the bench outside the store and were having a conversation. She said she believed the phone was still on the counter.

She said they came back in and went back to the wireless counter. Eventually, they do go to the register and he scans the phone, but nothing is registered as scanned.

Therrian said it came up as "processing error" three or four times. The contract he scanned was incomplete. She said policy calls for the phone to be put back in lockup when denied by the contract carrier. She said the second phone was put back, but not the missing phone.

Therrian testified the female had cash in hand and then she put the money into her purse. Jones put the phone into a Walmart shopping bag and the woman left with it.

She said Jones went back to the wireless counter and she was unable to locate the phone for the rest of the day.

After cross-examination, defense attorney Weitzman asked Judge Oakley to let his client testify. He said the testimony so far hasn't told the entire story of what happened and his client's testimony would show that "no crime was committed and

nothing was stolen."

The prosecutor said that would be a valid defense at trial stage, but this was a preliminary exam.

Judge Oakley agreed this was a question of fact for a tryer of fact. The judge said he is going to find probable cause to bind Jones over, but if he wants to testify, he will allow it. He warned Jones that anything he said on the stand could be used against him in a court of law.

Jones said he no longer works at the Walmart store. He testified his job had been to help wireless customers and about 3:30 p.m. on June 27 a woman he didn't know said she wanted two phones activated. Jones said he sought out management personnel to unlock the place the phones are kept.

He said he came back with two phones and got the name and identification and submitted it to the computer program. It would have gone to Sprint or Verizon, he said.

He said you have to call to get a yes or no answer and after that physical paperwork is signed by the customer. There are two copies, one for the customer. She did not have a phone, he said, to take part in the process so they stepped outside because she couldn't activate the phone inside.

He said they came back into the store with the white-face phone and taxes are paid by scanning the barcode.

He said the first phone scanned but there was a recurring problem with the second phone. The barcode to pay for taxes wasn't working right. He testified that had been a recurring problem and he had alerted Walmart.

He said he completed the process and put the phone in the bag.

"I did not steal or get my commission for the second phone," Jones testified.

On cross-examination, he told the prosecutor that they could not get connected inside and that's why they left the store. He said they only pay taxes at Walmart and that was for the first phone, not the second. He said the order was completed.

He said this has been a prior issue for Walmart and he had received an email from Walmart on the problem.

Jones said the phone was processed, but the barcode to be scanned for taxes showed

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EDWARD 'AL' OSTROWSKI

(December 16, 1936 - December 24, 2018)

Edward "Al" Ostrowski, age 82, life-long Belleville area resident, passed away Monday, December 24, 2018. He was born December 16, 1936 in Belleville, son of Albert Frank & Frances Nancy (Krzewinski) Ostrowski. He attended Belleville schools and was a member of the class of 1955. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marines. Mr. Ostrowski married Pauline (Simerka) in 1960. He retired from Draw Tite after 30+ years as a Welding Foreman. He and Pauline retired up to Comins, MI, where he enjoyed hunting and fishing and being an active member of the Bone Head Sportsmen's Club. He was also an avid golfer. In his younger years, Albert enjoyed bowling. He was a former member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, the Belleville Moose Lodge #934 and the Comins, MI Eagles Club. Most of all, he loved listening to Polka music, and spending time with family and friends.

Al is survived by his wife of 58 years, Pauline (Simerka) Ostrowski; son Michael (Wanda) Ostrowski of Saline, MI; daughter Theresa (Lawrence Jr.) Anzalone of Belleville, MI; 3 grandchildren Sarah Ostrowski, Devin Anzalone and Tyler Anzalone; one great-grandson Damaian Anzalone; brother Frank (Carina) Ostrowski of Belleville; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Frances Ostrowski, sisters Isabella and Marcella, brothers Casmer and George, also grandson Michael Ostrowski.

Visitation will be Friday, December 28, 2018 from 12 Noon until 3 PM and 5-9 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, December 29, 2018 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI. The family will greet guests 10-11 AM at Church. Interment will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #4434 and Polish Legion of American Veterans #167, to help local veterans and their families.

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Court watching

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and error and he could not charge for taxes. "I did nothing improper," Jones testified and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court.

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Chelsea Rae Dennis

A preliminary exam on two charges of possession of narcotics for Chelsea Rae Dennis, 27, was adjourned until Jan. 9 in order to get a person from the laboratory where the evidence test was conducted. The witness possibly could appear by

video.

Dennis was ready to start her preliminary exam before Judge David Parrott on Dec. 12 when her retained attorney Wade Fink asked for a dismissal of the two possession of narcotics or cocaine less than 25 grams charges against her in the City of Belleville on April 15.

Fink said he asked the Chief of Police for the evidence and got her car out of forfeiture. He said his client was ripped out of her vehicle and injured. He said he got no call backs and on Nov. 21 there was still no discovery. He said two days previously he got a call that the lab report was at the Dearborn Heights PD.

He said there is an in-car video of what

happened at her arrest and he wants it as evidence.

"I have been asking for the evidence, and I just got the police report," Fink said. "It happened eight months ago. I'm asking for dismissal because of a discovery violation."

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Meghan Mathews said she was a substitute in this matter. She said records show the defendant adjourned the case Nov. 7 and then again adjourned it on Nov. 21. She referred to a prior conviction.

"The defense counsel has all the written reports and the prosecutor's office doesn't have videos," Matthews said. "He has to submit his request to the Belleville Police Department." She said he has the drug tests and lab results. She said if the case is dismissed, the prosecutor's office will immediately refile the charges.

"I don't have the best evidence," Fink said. "I want the video!"

Judge Parrott adjourned the preliminary exam for one week, until Dec. 19, when it was before Judge Oakley. Judge Parrott told Fink that if he gets a stipulated discovery order, "I'll sign it and you can take it over to Belleville."

Fink complained again about not having the video and Matthews said, "We don't have it in our discovery. We give you what we have."

When Fink continued his complaints to the prosecutor, Judge Parrott said, "Can you take it outside?" And they did, arguing all the way out the door.

Gregory James Decz

The preliminary exam for Gregory James Decz, 47, was adjourned from the Dec. 12 court session for one week, until Dec. 19, so an unexplained Nov. 26 letter could be obtained. Decz is facing charges of two counts of operating while intoxicated-third, driving with open intoxicants, and driving while license suspended in VBT on Oct. 12. He is free after posting bond of \$5,000/10%.

But, on Dec. 19, Decz waived his preliminary exam and he was bound over to circuit court on Jan. 2 for an arraignment on the information.

Herbert Allan Smith

On Dec. 19, Herbert Allan Smith, 35, waived his preliminary exam on charges of unlawful imprisonment, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, and interfering with a police investigation on Nov. 22 in Sumpter Township. He is scheduled to be at circuit court on Jan. 2 for an arraignment on the information.

Tyler Alan Ladouceur

Tyler Alan Ladouceur, 22, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of delivery/manufacture of less than 50 grams of narcotics or cocaine on Dec. 7 in the City of Belleville. He is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and Magistrate Lisa Martin directed him to be at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on Jan. 2 for his arraignment on the information.

Court Watching:

Charges dropped against Mark Limmitt since he's back in prison

Three charges against Mark Dwayne Limmitt, 27, were asked to be dismissed by the assistant Wayne County prosecutor and 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green granted the dismissals in a Dec. 5 court session.

Limmitt was charged with two counts of criminal sexual conduct-3rd degree and one count of domestic violence in VBT on Sept. 13.

Limmitt is in Jackson Prison for alleged parole violation after serving time for a 2009 carjacking and felony firearm offense. He was paroled Aug. 8, 2017 and was due to have discharge of supervision on Nov. 8, 2018. His retained attorney is Mohammed Nasser.

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Sumpter Planners send yard waste ordinance to township board

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

An ordinance banning people from putting yard clippings, grass, sticks and other yard waste into the ditches and roadways was recommended approved by the Sumpter Township Planning Commission at its Dec. 13 meeting.

The ordinance now goes to the township board for consideration and a final decision, possibly at a January meeting.

A man came before the township board a few months back and told about how slippery grass clippings are when thrown on roadways when the weather is rainy. He told of his friend who was riding a motorcycle and was decapitated by smashing into a sign after sliding on wet grass clippings on the roadway.

Trustee Matthew Oddy, who is the township board's liaison to the planning commission, said the board found there was no ordinance to enforce to comply with the man's request for a safer roadway.

Trustee Oddy said they asked the planner to put together an ordinance and this is what planner Chris Atkin presented at the Dec. 13 meeting.

Commissioners decided to add "mulch" to the listing of things that couldn't be dumped on the public roadway, right of way or ditches.

If approved this will be added to the township's general ordinances. It is similar to a Wayne County ordinance and people could be cited under the township or county ordinance, with the county having a more severe penalty, Atkin said.

Atkin said the board would put the fines in place and he'll talk to the township attorney about that.

In other business at the one-hour-and-40-minute meeting on Dec. 13, commissioners:

- Again discussed the draft Master Plan and directed Atkin to make the updates

discussed and bring it back to the Jan. 10 meeting. Commissioners also want colored, more-detailed maps, so they can read them easier; more up-to-date information on building permits in the township; more precise information about adjoining townships; and other things;

- Tabled Atkin's proposed "amendments" to the current slaughterhouse zoning ordinance after Commissioner Jim Clark questioned the need for changes at this point. Atkin said this wasn't an amendment, but only information. "If people have problems they will come to the township," Clark said. "Right now we don't know." Commissioner Mary Sherwood said she thinks the township's only slaughterhouse is open on Bemis because there are animals and people there. Oddy said the lights are on, there is an open sign, and he saw a trailer and several cars. Atkin said he doesn't know if they have a certificate of occupancy, but there are things that need to be taken care of before opening;

- Discussed at length proposed amendments to the language on the accessory structure ordinance and then voted to have the planner make changes and bring it back to the commission in January for consideration. The problem is that there have been five cases before the Board of Zoning Appeals over the last few months because residents want to build big pole barns, some bigger and taller than their houses. The BZA has allowed the bigger pole barns because their neighbors have big pole barns and neighbors say they don't have a problem with another big pole barn next door. The commission is trying to loosen up the rules, again, to solve this problem so people won't have to go to the BZA. One suggestion that will be put into the ordinance amendment is that the maximum height would be 18'. "You can go home to sleep and say I pleased a

lot of people tonight," said Commissioner Clark, referring to eventual passage of the amendments; and

- Heard Oddy say he is hoping to get a training schedule for the commission, since the policy calls for each member to get one training session per year. He also is looking forward to setting up training with Belleville and Van Buren Township

planning commissions.

This was the first planning commission meeting since August and the August minutes were approved.

Tim Rush, who was appointed to the planning commission last summer, sat in the audience because he was elected trustee Nov. 6 and can't sit on the planning commission, as well.



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Charter Township Act (MCL 42.8) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 18th day of December 2018:

1. Ordinance #12-04-18: AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS IN ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN. An ordinance to completely prohibit marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Charter Township of Van Buren per section 6.1 of the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These ordinances will go into effect upon publication.

Posting Date: December 20, 2018
 Date of Publication: December 27, 2018
 Effective: December 27, 2018

Sunday music set at September Days for Jan., Feb., March

Sunday music is offered from 2-5 p.m. weekly at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. There is no charge for the concerts.

These are the artists scheduled for the first three months of 2019:

- Jan. 6 – M3 Band
- Jan. 13 – Albert Munis Band
- Jan. 20 – Jay Frandsen/SAX
- Jan. 27 – Ken Folk Rigs
- Feb. 3 – Albert Munis Band
- Feb. 10 – 18 Strings

- Feb. 17 – Jay Frandsen/SAX
- Feb. 24 – Tommy New River Band
- March 3 – Albert Munis Band
- March 10 – Jay Frandsen/SAX
- March 17 – 18 Strings
- March 24 – Kentucky Travelers
- March 31 – M3 Band

For more information call Jimmy Baleja, Music Coordinator, at (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan, Senior Center Director, (734) 699-8918.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES DECEMBER 18, 2018 BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Developmental Services Director Akers, Director of Public Services Best, Human Resource Director Sumpter and an audience of two (2).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session minutes of December 3, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of December 4, 2018, Prepaid List of December 6, 2018, Prepaid List of December 13, 2018, Voucher List of December 18, 2018, Approval of the Association of Fire Fighters Contract for January 1, 2018-December 31, 2021, The Approval of the appointment of Kevin Boyer, the reappointment of Juanita Jensen, the reappointment of Harry Roesch and the reappointment of Loretta Speaks as an alternate; all to the Board of Review with terms ending on December 31, 2020, Approval of a proposed sidewalk agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and Subaru Research and Development, Inc.]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Announcements included the following: Kids Crafty Saturdays will take place on the first Saturday of each month starting January 5th in the Parks and Recreation Department; DTE has completed the lighting installation in the VBT parking lot with LED lighting; the Township was officially awarded \$300,000 from MDEQ to build the 1st leg of the Iron Bell Trail from The City of Belleville to Martinsville Road, the Township sold and delivered the fire truck to Ryan Wolf of Milford; the Administrative Offices will be closed from Monday, December 24, 2018 through Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019; the Treasury Department will be open on Friday, December 28th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to

accept tax payments; the Treasury Department will be dating any payments placed in the drop box while the administrative offices are closed for December 31st and the Clerk's Office is donating coats and other necessities to all seven elementary and middle schools in the Van Buren Public School system on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the selection of Deere and Company to provide a HUV865M HVAC all-terrain vehicle with salt spreader and snow plow blade for Van Buren Township's Building and Grounds Department. The vehicle would be used to plow areas such as the Township Hall main campus, sidewalks leading up to the pedestrian walkway over I-94 and the pedestrian walkway. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 12-04-18 (1) to prohibit marihuana establishments in all geographic areas of the Charter Township of Van Buren. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Wright seconded to approve an update to the Benefits Manual's for Elected Officials and Salaried Employees Defined Contributions from 10% to 12%. Motion Carried.

After discussion on the retirement contribution became heated Martin called the question, Miller seconded. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Trustee Miller read a letter of gratitude from Sharon Peters, thanking The Board for donating \$1,000 of their own money to be used for the construction budget for the Belleville Library. Ms. Peters expressed in the letter that she would like to come and thank the Board in person at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
 Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
 Published: December 27, 2018

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 3, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Absent
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Presentations None
 Council follow up list

Mike Renaud asked the status of getting a new sign for Bay Pointe Drive and DPS Director Rick Rutherford stated that it had arrived and just been installed.

Citizen Comments None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, Second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve the City Council meeting minutes from November 26, 2018 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES-None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Holiday Decorating Contest

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer stated an advertisement had been placed in the local newspaper announcing that Wednesday, December 12th and Thursday, December 13th from 6 to 10 pm would be the dates for the holiday outdoor decorating contest.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 18-100, for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$46,837.64 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Pastor Nathaniel Oregon from the Seventh Day Adventist Church announced that the Church will host a stop smoking clinic January 7 through 11 and a dental/vision clinic on February 24th as well as a presentation on reversing diabetes. He stated he was looking for volunteers to help and invited all to come.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 7:42 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: December 17, 2018

Published: December 27, 2018

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of 394 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township for the past week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Dec. 16:

0130 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville/Grove
0308 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Green Meadows
0406 -- overdose, Westlake Cir.
0513 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Southport
0619 -- 911 welfare check, Lacy Dr.
0757 -- larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
0850 -- larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1004 -- animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1048 -- larceny from auto, Meadows Ln.
1124 -- found property/child, Meadows Ln.
1350 -- property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Rawsonville Rd.

1350 -- assist other dept., Oak Ln.
1424 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Renton/Bemis
1436 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1500 -- private property impound, W. Adams
1458 -- assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1534 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1620 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1647 -- larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1659 -- found property/child, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1709 -- property damage accident, Van Born/Sheldon
1712 -- abandoned auto, WB I-94 ramp to Belleville Rd.

1733 -- traffic offense, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
1851 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2021 -- domestic, Haggerty Rd.
2114 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr.

2216 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton

Monday, Dec. 17:

0327 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
0552 -- property damage accident, Van Born/Haggerty
0750 -- malicious destruction of property, Kouza Ct.
0900 -- property damage accident, Sadie Ln./Maude Ct.

0950 -- malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
1131 -- private property impound, Ecorse Rd.
1141 -- larceny, Oak Ln.
1157 -- abandoned auto, Anna Dr.
1159 -- noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1201 -- missing person, Pebblebrook Dr.
1224 -- juvenile complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1347 -- threat, Belleville Rd.
1348 -- traffic offense, Ecorse/I-275
1457 -- 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1531 -- property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave./bypass

1555 -- missing person, Hamilton St.
1557 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr./Ryznar Dr.

1609 -- assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1621 -- fight, Quirk Rd.
1630 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton

1655 -- malicious destruction of property, Riggs Rd.
1710 -- suspicious activity report, Farm Rd.
1730 -- property damage accident, S. Belleville I-94 ramp E./E I-94

1840 -- private property/property damage accident, Cross St.

1841 -- larceny, Ayres Ave.
2012 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
2117 -- harassment call, Harmony Ln.
2323 -- road hazard, WB Michigan Ave./bypass

Tuesday, Dec. 18:

0055 -- noise complaint, Westlake Cir.
0114 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0158 -- disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0652 -- domestic, Hamilton St.
0959 -- larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1016 -- domestic, Kirkridge
1026 -- animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
1047 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.
1101 -- traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1253 -- ordinance violation, Robson/Marlowe
1333 -- mental subject, E. Adams
1423 -- assault & battery, Robson Rd.d.
1526 -- fraud, Ormond Dr.
1541 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
1555 -- road hazard, Beck/Van Born
1920 -- suicidal person, E. Huron River Dr.

2115 -- road hazard, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 19:

0233 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0848 -- domestic, E. Archwood Dr.
0913 -- animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1017 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1142 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville
1149 -- ordinance violation, Elwell Rd.
1235 -- road hazard, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
1624 -- 911 welfare check, Pierce St.
1652 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1733 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.
1738 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1808 -- road hazard, Belleville/Van Born
1846 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk

1851 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1901 -- 911 welfare check, Ashbury Dr.
2035 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2100 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
2151 -- assist other dept., Belle Villa
2221 -- assist other dept., Henry
2351 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Aspen Ln.

Thursday, Dec. 20:

0750 -- animal complaint, Van Born/Haggerty
0949 -- private property/property damage accident, Greenbriar

1002 -- noise complaint, E. Adams
1131 -- animal complaint, Locust Dr.
1135 -- miscellaneous complaint, Anna Dr.
1156 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1240 -- larceny from auto, Holly Ln.
1405 -- abandoned auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1546 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.
1603 -- larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.
1703 -- suicidal person, Parkside Dr.
1756 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1815 -- animal complaint, S. Sadie Ln.
1822 -- larceny, Lenmoore Ave.
1914 -- suicidal person, Capitol Dr.
1923 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2025 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse/Haggerty
2055 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis
2058 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Barnwell Dr.
2234 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Dartmoor Cir.

Friday, Dec. 21:

0828 -- property damage accident, Belleville
1049 -- road hazard, S. Belleville I-94 ramp E./E. I-94

1052 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville/Bog
1103 -- larceny, Tyler Rd.
1304 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Denton
1322 -- ordinance violation, Belleville Rd.
1406 -- ordinance violation, Crowley Ave.
1430 -- assault & battery, Sumpter/Bemis
1608 -- trespassing, Sondra Dr.
1648 -- breaking & entering, Lake Pointe Pass
1649 -- private property/property damage accident, Beckley

1916 -- harassment call, Tyler Rd.
2108 -- property damage accident, Belleville
2219 -- property damage accident, Haggerty
2259 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville

Saturday, Dec. 22:

0007 -- threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0424 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1005 -- road hazard, Belleville/Quirk
1121 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Dr.

1259 -- fraud, Belleville
1315 -- disorderly, Belleville
1747 -- fraud, Belleville
1851 -- disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
1919 -- personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

2124 -- larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
2136 -- miscellaneous complaint, Park Estates Dr.
2233 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
Also on this week's log are 137 traffic stops, 27 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 16:

0142 -- fight, Main St.
0742 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr./Waterford
1403 -- 911 welfare check, Bay Pointe Dr.
1444 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
1913 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
2241 -- welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Monday, Dec. 17:

0356 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.
0821 -- disorderly, McBride
0921 -- welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.
1134 -- disorderly, Main St.
1205 -- assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.
1314 -- assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.
1618 -- property damage accident, Main St.

Tuesday, Dec. 18:

0006 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1315 -- welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1657 -- assist fire dept., Third St.
1835 -- assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
2128 -- trespassing, Loza Ln.

Wednesday, Dec. 19:

0502 -- intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
0651 -- assist fire dept., Bedell St.
0827 -- traffic offense, Main St.
1048 -- juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1608 -- property damage accident, Main St. / E. Columbia Ave.

1720 -- fraud, Menlo Park Dr.
2018 -- harassment call, Potter Dr.
2048 -- follow up by officer, Menlo Park Dr.
2144 -- suicidal person, Belle Villa
2219 -- welfare check, Henry St.

Thursday, Dec. 20:

0138 -- intrusion alarm, High St.
1057 -- assist fire dept., S. Liberty St.
1418 -- found property/child, South St.
1506 -- property damage accident, Main St.
1727 -- civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.

Friday, Dec. 21:

0126 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.
0842 -- vehicle lock out, S. Edgemont Ave.
1131 -- warrant arrest, Main St.
1415 -- traffic offense, S. Aberdeen Ct.
1450 -- domestic, Loza Ln.
1547 -- threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1638 -- hospice death, Bedell St.
2118 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.

Saturday, Dec. 22:

1015 -- breaking & entering, Second St.

1659 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2002 -- warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
2228 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell
2231 -- assist fire dept., S. Aberdeen Ct.
2330 -- harassment call, Loza Ln.

Also on this week's log are 44 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 16:

0056 -- assault, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
0156 -- suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

0218 -- suspicious incident, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0421 -- 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
0608 -- fire dept. assist, Birch
0808 -- animal complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1019 -- hunter complaint, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1138 -- alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
1406 -- 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Fenster
1411 -- assist other agency, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1430 -- found property, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1543 -- fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1959 -- fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2113 -- mental health commitment, 20000 Karr Rd.

Monday, Dec. 17:

0723 -- citizen assist, Rawsonville/Willow
0748 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0840 -- fraud complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

0851 -- alarm, 41000 bl. Wear Rd.
1023 -- suspicious vehicle, Arkona/Haggerty
1151 -- civil dispute, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1440 -- fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1847 -- suspicious vehicle, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2353 -- suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Dec. 18:

1338 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martha Ln.
1922 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Wednesday, Dec. 19:

0234 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0805 -- suspicious person, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.
0831 -- warrant arrest pick up, Sumpter/Bemis
0957 -- property damage accident, Willis/Rawsonville

1023 -- property damage accident, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

1052 -- citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1105 -- animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1159 -- civil dispute, Brookview
1203 -- fire dept. assist, New Mexico
1654 -- animal complaint, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1657 -- fire dept. assist, Clark/Arkona
1757 -- civil dispute, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1828 -- family trouble, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
2249 -- fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Meadow Springs Dr.

Thursday, Dec. 20:

0041 -- assist other agency, New Mexico
0131 -- suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Willow
0253 -- suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0542 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
0836 -- fire dept. assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1140 -- civil dispute, First St.
1405 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
1417 -- civil dispute, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1452 -- property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter
2055 -- suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Bemis
2114 -- civil dispute, Rustic Ln.
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Friday, Dec. 21:

0130 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
0626 -- family trouble, 46000 bl. Traskos
1914 -- animal complaint, 1000 bl. Rawsonville
2005 -- threats complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2306 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, Elwell/Bemis

Saturday, Dec. 22:

0211 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0839 -- family trouble, Wayside Dr.
1339 -- fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1535 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1613 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1646 -- fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1847 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
2315 -- well-being check, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
2340 -- disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 10 follow-up investigations, 30 miscellaneous details, 77 patrol checks, and 58 traffic stops.



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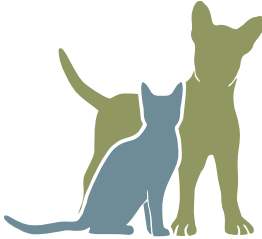
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Next summer's Thunder Over Michigan air show at Willow Run Airport is taking on a new partner and tickets are now on sale. Thunder Over Michigan and Grunt Style Air Show Majors are teaming up to put on a great event, featuring an F-16 demo and a lot more. GSASM is a traveling air show tour with stops in Lakeland, New York, Cleveland, Reno, and Houston, with the mission to celebrate aviation, honor the military, and the airshow industry through mainstream awareness. Discounted tickets are \$30 (\$45 at the gate) and available thru www.yankeeairsueum.org. Watch for updates on their website in the coming months. Visit Airshowmajors.com. No jet team is scheduled for 2019, however the Navy Blue Angels will return in 2020 on Aug. 29-30.

Dr. Harold Gable of Reynold's Chiropractic Center on Belleville Road across from Meijer is offering half off services for veterans this holiday season. To learn more and to make an appointment, call (734) 697-4446.

Threads & Treasures Gift Shop on South Street is still offering half off everything in the store as owner Kay Atkins gets closer to retiring. Call (734) 697-9376.

Beltone Hearing Center in the Belle Park Plaza on Sumpter Road is offering free hearing screening along with \$1,000 off an Amaze Technology System with its ad coupons in today's paper. Take advantage of interest financing until 2020 and get 60% off batteries and cleaning accessories through Jan. 8. The center is open Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month. See Beltone's ad in today's paper. Call (734) 325-1969 and visit www.beltonehearingaid.com.

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42494 E HURON RIVER DR VAN BUREN OVER \$125,000 OF 2018 IMPROVEMENTS 194 FT LAKE FRONTAGE. 3 Bedroom 3 Bath Brick Home. Fireplace, Finished Basement, Garage, 1,050 SF Barn, Deck, Pool, Boat House-Docks-Seawall. \$599,900

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41903 S I-94 SERVICE DR, VAN BUREN TIMELESS QUALITY is Found. 7 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, 3 story Victorian Home. 3,083 square feet, basement, 2 fireplaces. 1,960 Sq Ft Carriage House with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. 720 FEET LAKE FRONTAGE - 3.06 Acres \$749,500

FORD LAKE



8133 LAKE CREST, YPSILANTI TWP IT'S QUALITY LIVING ON FORD LAKE. Immaculate 3 Bedroom 2 1/2 Bath, Family Room, Fireplace, Finished Basement, Wide Deck Overlooking Ford Lake. Improvements include Seawall, Dock and, Central Air. \$329,900

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BELLEVILLE LAKE



135 POTTER, BELLEVILLE BELLEVILLE LAKEFRONT HOME. 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths, Huge living room, Dining area, Family room and More. Wide Lake Views from many Windows and Doorwall. Walkout lower level to Deck and Dock. A Dream property for The Skier, Boater or Fisherman. Just listed at \$319,900

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